

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 - 35 are presented for Examiner Bui's consideration. Examiner Bui has indicated that claims 10 - 34 are allowable.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Independent claims 1 and 35 have each been amended to include "opening means for allowing the package to be opened so that the articles can be removed from the enlarged compartment. The opening means is formed in at least one of the walls." Basis for this language is found in paragraph e) of allowable claim 10. No new matter has been introduced by way of these amendments and therefore they should be entered at this time.

By way of the Office Action mailed May 31, 2006, Examiner Bui rejected claims 1, 5, 6, 9 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made and thus unpatentable over U.S. patent number 5,377,837 to Roussel in view of The Great Britain patent number 2 310 652 to Bennet. This rejection is respectfully traversed in view of the amendments made to independent claims 1 and 35.

By way of the Office Action mailed May 31, 2006, Examiner Bui rejected claims 2 - 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made and thus unpatentable over U.S. patent number 5,377,837 to Roussel in view of The Great Britain patent number 2 310 652 to Bennet and further in view of U.S. patent number 6,427,839 to Helfer-Grand. This rejection is respectfully traversed in view of the amendment made to independent claim 1.

By way of the Office Action mailed May 31, 2006, Examiner Bui rejected claims 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made and thus unpatentable over U.S. patent number 5,377,837 to Roussel in view of The Great Britain patent number 2 310 652 to Bennet and further in view of U.S. patent number 3,145,840 to Wright. This rejection is respectfully traversed in view of the amendment made to independent claim 1.

The combination of Roussel and Bonnet fail to teach or disclose the package currently claimed by Applicant. Applicant claims a pair of oppositely aligned walls (see paragraph a) and opening means (see paragraph e) formed in at least one of the walls. The cited prior art references fail to teach or disclose this feature. Accordingly, Applicant believes that independent claims 1 and 35 are patentably distinct over the cited prior art references. In addition, dependent claims 2 - 9 are also in condition for allowance since they depend from allowable independent claim 1.

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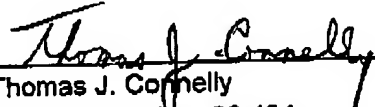
For the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently presented claims 1 - 35 are in form for allowance.

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